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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1059

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, WA, SF  
SUBJ: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF WESTERN FIVE CONTACTS  
WITH SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 1033

1. WESTERN FIVE GATHERED AT WORKING LEVEL PM APRIL 7 AT  
CANADIAN MISSION TO DISCUSS NAMIBIAN SITUATION AND APRIL 18  
NY EXPERTS MEETING. SPIRITED TWO-HOUR DISCUSSIONS OF MEANING  
OF "UN-SUPERVISED ELECTIONS" LED TO CONCLUSION THAT THIS  
SUBJECT REQUIRES MUCH STUDY IN CAPITALS AND CAPETOWN.  
GROUP DISCUSSED THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF  
VARIOUS REPRESENTATIONAL SYSTEMS. IT WAS AGREED NY  
VIEWPOINT SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THE ELECTIONS COULD BE  
HELD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY SYG  
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WALDHEIM, PERHAPS ASSISTED BY A SMALL MISSION OF MEMBER STATES  
ON THE DJIBOUTI MODEL; THAT "INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS"  
SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ALL THE VOTING BOOTHS; THAT  
VOTING HAD TO BE ON THE BASIS OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE FOR ALL  
ADULTS; AND THAT EACH VOTE HAD TO CARRY EQUAL WEIGHT.

2. RE IMPORTANT PARAS OF UNSC RESOLUTION 385, IT WAS

BELIEVED THAT 10 (B) AND 10 (D) RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE FREE RETURN OF ALL POLITICAL EXILES WERE ABSOLUTE PREREQUISITES FOR THE ELECTIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE AREAS OF (A) AND (C) WHICH WOULD ENCOMPASS FREE MOVEMENT AROUND THE COUNTRY AND OTHER SUCH ITEMS RELEVANT DIRECTLY TO ELECTIONS; EVEN THOUGH IT WAS THOUGHT THAT ALL OF (A) AND (C) COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED OVERNIGHT. REGARDING PARA 10, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT IT WAS UNREALISTIC AND PERHAPS UNDESIRABLE TO HAVE THE ENTIRE SAG POLICE FORCE WITHDRAWN FROM NAMIBIA PRIOR TO ELECTIONS, AS LONG AS ADEQUATE MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE ELECTION PROCESS.

3. GROUP SET TIME AND PLACE FOR FIRST NY EXPERTS MEETING, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF CAPITALS, AS 11 AM, APRIL 18, AT THE CANADIAN MISSION. ALSO, TENTATIVE AGENDA WAS PROPOSED BY US MISOFF ON BASIS OF REFTEL WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE:

- (1) ANALYSIS OF SAG REACTION, IF ANY, TO APRIL 7 DEMARCHE;
- (2) COMPOSITION OF "CONTACT GROUP;"
- (3) PLACE CONTACT GROUP WILL SUGGEST TO SAG AS VENUE FOR TALKS;
- (4) DATE CONTACT GROUP WILL MEET WITH SAG;
- (5) OBJECTIVES OF CONTACT GROUP;
- (6) UNSC RES 385 AND ELECTIONS;
- (7) ATTITUDE TOWARD TURNHALLE CONSITUION AND "INTERIM GOVERNMENT" IF IT IS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE TALKS;
- (8) "CARROTS" AND "STICKS" TO EMPLOY WITH SAG.

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4. GROUP EXPECTS NY TALKS TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE DAY AND PERHAPS AS MANY AS THREE. MISOFFS WILL KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS SUBJECT AS THEY CONSULT ON APARTHEID AND BEGIN SC DEBATES NEXT WEEK, BUT DO NOT INTEND TO MEET AGAIN ON NAMIBIA UNTIL APRIL 18.  
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